

**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Rep. Sharice L. Davids**  
**Kansas Third District**

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for City of De Soto Astra Water Tower in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of De Soto, located at 32905 W. 84<sup>th</sup> De Soto Kansas 66018. The funding would be used to support the largest economic development project in the state of Kansas, the Panasonic Electric Vehicle (EV) Battery plant. It will provide system redundancy for the city's water distribution system throughout the community, including existing industry users and residential/commercial users. The tower also provides fire protection for billions of dollars in government and private investment. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because in addition to the Panasonic plant, which is 300 acres, there are more than an additional 9,000 acres that will require water service to enhance the state's investment in Astra Enterprise Park.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by: 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Sharice L. Davids  
Member of Congress